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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.98, Applicant respectfully requests that a citation and examination of the references identified on the attached PTO/SB/08 form be made during the course of examination of the above-identified application for United States Patent.

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**REMARKS**

The attached PTO/SB/08 form lists related art references for the above identified application. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2)(ii), no copies of the U.S. patent documents are being supplied herewith, but will be provided upon request.


### EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

References AC–AF were cited during the prosecution of a corresponding Japanese Application. References AC and AD are Japanese Patent Documents. An English-language translation of the Abstract has been provided as well as a machine translation. References AE and AF are German-language international applications that include an English-language abstract. Reference AA is a U.S. Patent corresponding to reference AE, and reference AB is a U.S. Patent corresponding to reference AF. A full translation of these foreign documents will be produced upon the request of the Examiner.

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